

Email update to AC 17

Item 5(c) – Mainstreaming a gender perspective into the work of the Adaptation Committee

Recommended action by the Adaptation Committee

The AC may wish to take note of the information provided in this update, and to provide further guidance as appropriate.

The AC, in its 2019-2021 workplan, agreed to include the objective of incorporating gender as a cross-cutting consideration into all its activities. Accordingly, the AC has enhanced efforts on gender consideration by integrating a gender perspective into AC events, documents, and reports. These include:

- Incorporating gender consideration in to reports on data for short-, medium- and long-term adaptation; capacity gaps in accessing adaptation funding; and how developing countries are addressing hazards, focusing on relevant lessons learned and good practices.
- On 10 December 2019, the AC, the LEG and the NAP Global Network jointly launched the final draft of the new Toolkit for a Gender-Responsive Process to Formulate and Implement NAPs.

Additionally, as part of its 2019-2021 flexible workplan, the AC agreed that in the first half of 2019 it would explore opportunities for enhanced interaction with the PCCB and organize an event in 2020 on identifying gaps and solutions related to incorporating gender considerations into adaptation planning and implementation. The AC, at its 16th meeting, welcomed the participation of a member of the PCCB in the discussion and agreed on a concept for a 2020 meeting on gender and adaptation to be held jointly with the PCCB. It agreed on two topics for the meeting:

- Promoting gender analysis in the NAP process: Using sex-disaggregated data; and
- Reducing gender inequalities through NAPs by raising awareness and building capacity

The AC discussed organization of the event in conjunction with different fora in 2020, including the NAP Expo, the Adaptation Futures Conference, and, in response to a suggestion by an observer, the Community-based Adaptation Conference (CBA14). During COP 25 and after the launch of gender toolkit, interested AC members met with representatives of the PCCB to briefly discuss the next steps in their collaboration, including holding the joint event on gender at the 2020 NAP Expo.

In close consultation with PCCB and LEG, the secretariat had begun the process of developing the programme for the event by identifying suitable speakers/organisations and reaching out to some such as the NAP Global Network. On 6 March, the NAP EXPO was postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 outbreak situation; therefore, the plans for the gender event are currently on hold.